

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

At my last writing I was at the depot of LaPaz Junction, waiting somewhat impatiently for a train to take me to South Bend, for a few day's visit at Fairview, the scene of my former labors. The waiting at last came to an end, and before the day was over I was at my old home at brother David Augustine's. I had been gone just six months, and we found not a little to talk about. Brother W. D. Furry of Maryland, their present pastor now has his home at Brother Augustine's, and I was glad to hear all speak well of him and his work. On Thursday, the Augustine family held their third annual reunion at Clear Lake, and having attended both the preceding ones, we were long ago invited to be present at this one. The day passed away very pleasantly. Four generations were represented. Two of those who had been present last year, had before this anniversary passed into the world beyond,—the mother and one of the grandsons, a bright, promising young man, who, while out hunting, accidentally discharged his gun into his shoulder, causing death. Both were missed, and tenderly and lovingly remembered in the hearts of those present.

On Saturday we took up active duty again, and went to Elkhart. It had been my purpose to go to Dunlaps, but learning that the churches of Elkhart county would hold their Union meeting on Saturday afternoon, and Dunlaps would be in attendance, I stopped at Elkhart and attended the meeting, and participated with them in communion services in the evening. On Sunday morning I preached for them, and then presented to them the plan of raising money for the Theological Chair by pledges. I received while there, nine pledges, and two dollars by collection.

In the afternoon Brother Bemenderfer's took me to their home, and I preached at Dunlaps. Having other announcements ahead, I could only remain one night, but I expect to return to them in the interests of the S. S. C. E., in a few weeks. On Monday, I went to Warsaw, and that evening talked Endeavor, for the encouragement of their society. On Tuesday and Wednesday, it was my pleasure to attend the Ministerial Institute, one of the most interesting it has yet been my privilege to attend since this work was inaugurated. On Thursday I went to Flora for two nights, and there talked to full houses of as pleasant people as it has been my pleasure to address anywhere. They had a Ladies' Aid Society, which now has be-

come an S. S. C. E., with twelve additional members. The Flora church is full of promise. As one of the brethren said, she undoubtedly has a future.

Edna Mills was my next point. The church is now without a pastor, but efforts are being made to secure one. There they had had a Sister's Society, but it has been doing nothing this summer. Those present of its former members voted to accept the S. S. C. E. Constitution, and a day was set for re-organization.

From Edna Mills I came to Mount Pleasant church, and here a large audience greeted me last night, and except for the babies, which like myself were determined to be heard as well as seen, was a pleasant audience to talk to. Here they have a society for the home church, and tonight, we will take the vote as to whether it shall henceforth, enlarge its powers of usefulness, and its sphere of labor, by becoming tributary to the National C. E., and working not alone for the Mt. Pleasant church, but for the Brethren church, for Christ's cause abroad as well as at home.

O that we might all show our love for Christ by keeping his commandments, and might remember that one of his commandments is "Go ye into all the world, and preach my Gospel to every creature," and that if we cannot go ourselves we must do the next best thing,—send others who can go. O that we might be willing to spend and be spent for Christ's cause. O that Christ's cause were to all hearts the dearest cause of all, then there would be no need to urge and plead that we work for Him and give for Him, for this would be our highest joy and greatest delight. Below we give a list of pledges given and cash received for the Theological Chair. In addition to this we have taken nine pledges upon which the first payment has not yet been made, and which will be reported in due time.

OHIO.

Daniel Holderman, Bear Creek church,	\$1.00
Ella and Stella Teeter, Pleasant Hill,	5.00
Laura Teeter, " "	1.00
James Rodabaugh, Williamstown,	1.00
Alice " "	1.00
Martin Beagle, " "	1.00
J. J. Hazen, West Independence,	1.00

INDIANA.

W. D. Furry, Fairview,	1.00
David E. Augustine, Fairview,	1.00
Alice " "	1.00
Laura E. N. Grossnickle " "	1.00
Guilford Leslie, Goshen,	1.00
A. S. Mennaugh, " "	1.00
Wm. Smith, Gravelton,	1.00

Mary Metzger, Elkhart,	1.00
Naomi Wilson, " "	1.00
Josephine Neff, Nappanee.	1.00
John Rein, Warsaw,	1.00
John Anderson, " "	1.00
C. F. Yoder, " "	1.00
Owen Switzer, " "	1.00
Ida Simmonds, Dunlaps,	1.00
J. M. Fox, Loree,	1.00
John Little, Flora,	1.00
Jennie " " "	1.00
B. F. Flora, " "	1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Snowberger " "	1.00
Maud Wingard, " "	1.00
David Hufford, Edna Mills,	1.00
Noah Simmonds, " "	5.00
Wm. Miller, Mt. Pleasant,	5.00
Collection, Elkhart,	2.09

Total, \$45.09

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

THE CIGARETTE HABIT AMONG GIRLS.

One of the greatest curses in our land to-day is the cigarette sin, and it is growing with alarming rapidity. We have become hardened by the constant presence of the evil, until we pass it by with little concern; but when we know of the growing custom among ladies (?) we must speak. We have noticed in the smaller towns throughout the country, sixteen or seventeen year old girls in the waiting room of the depots and other public places, smoking cigarettes, and by their actions we have known they were well started on the road that will in a few years land them in the slums of some city. The mothers are at home busy with their household cares, and the thought that their daughters were in danger and being snared by the evil one, never entered their minds—just as many a mother in the past who did not realize what it means to have the care of an immortal soul and a young life to train aright to the glory of God, but busied herself with her daily duties, while her daughter formed habits that in after years would bring destruction to the body and death to the soul, and only when too late saw the mistake she had made. If mothers did their duty there would be fewer girls in the slums than there are to-day. A girl that has received the training in the home that God would have her receive, will never be found on the streets smoking cigarettes, and making efforts to form acquaintance with travelling men or other strangers she may meet. Many mothers are responsible for the daughter's sin when the daughter is compelled to bear all the blame.—*Mission Worker*.

"How quick some people backslide when their income is doubled."